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NOT BY BCG AND THEIR USE AS DIAGNOSTIC REAGENTS AND  
VACCINES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the comments in the Office Action of March 23, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

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